

Torrance, California.
December 18th., 1934.

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, December 18th., 1934.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ludlow at 7:45 P.M.

City Clerk Bartlett called the roll. Those answering present were Councilmen: Hitchcock, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. Absent: Councilman: Klusman.

Mayor Ludlow declared a short recess to await the arrival of Councilman Klusman and Attorney Rippy. Councilman Klusman arrived at 7:46, and Attorney Rippy arrived at 7:47 P.M.

Mayor Ludlow stated this being an adjourned meeting the regular order of business is suspended.

City Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce requesting an appropriation of \$115.00 by the city to cover cost of display advertising space 1/4 page in the annual New Year Edition of the Long Beach Press Telegram. After considerable discussion Councilman Klusman moved the application be denied and communication filed. The motion was lost for want of a second. Councilman Stanger moved the Chamber of Commerce's request for this advertising be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of the vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Ludlow stated we have report from the Consulting Engineer. Attorney Rippy stated Ordinance has been drawn up, and read in full

ORDINANCE NO. 262

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING INJURY TO, STEALING AND/OR INTERFERENCE WITH REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND/OR THE ACT OF 1927 MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 AND PRESCRIBING THE PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

Councilman Stanger moved that Ordinance No. 262 be approved for its first reading as an emergency ordinance. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion. Councilman Klusman stated he objects to this emergency ordinance because the rates are not included in the ordinance. The record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Ludlow stated we will now take up matter of a resolution fixing water rates. After some discussion, Attorney Rippy read in full

RESOLUTION NO. 659

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FIXING WATER RATES

After some discussion, Councilman Klusman moved that the rates in the resolution be reduced to \$1.00 per thousand at the time we take the Water Company over. Councilman Stanger stated he would second Councilman Klusman's motion if he could produce the figures. The motion was lost for want of a second.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 659 be adopted *(Attorney Rippy read the rates)* the rates be as read, and as filed with the Railroad Commission by the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Councilman Klusman stated he was in favor of immediate reduction in water rates.

Attorney Rippy read in full

RESOLUTION NO. 660

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULATING THE FILING
OF APPLICATIONS FOR WATER, DEPOSITS BY CONSUMERS,
DELINQUENCIES, SHUTTING OFF WATER, AND METER RATES.

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 660 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy read in full an Agreement from Walter Mann, Attorney for the Water Company. He then read in full

RESOLUTION NO. 661

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE,
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF EXTENSION AGREEMENT, DATED
DECEMBER 18, 1934.

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 661 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy read in full an Agreement regarding taxes and consumers' deposits of Torrance Water, Light & Power Company. He then read in full

RESOLUTION NO. 662

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE,
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT REGARDING TAXES
AND CONSUMERS' DEPOSITS OF TORRANCE WATER, LIGHT &
POWER COMPANY

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 662 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented an Agreement to be forwarded to the Railroad Commission. Attorney Rippy also presented an Agreement to collect unpaid water accounts which he read in full. Attorney Rippy also read in full

RESOLUTION NO. 663

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT IN REGARD TO UNPAID CONSUMERS' ACCOUNTS AND REVENUES FROM LOS ANGELES CONSUMERS OF THE TORRANCE WATER, LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 663 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy read a letter from Salisbury, Bradshaw & Taylor. Councilman Hitchcock moved the firm of Salisbury, Bradshaw & Taylor be appointed consulting engineers on the basis of the August 14th. agreement and in addition a termination clause be included. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Ludlow stated Mr. Rambo will install the accounting system for the Water Department for \$225.00. Councilman Stanger moved C.J. Rambo & Company be authorized to take care of setting up books, auditing the system and that the City Clerk be authorized to purchase the necessary books for the Accounting system. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Ludlow stated now we should select a name for the Water Department. Councilman Klusman suggested Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1. He then moved the name Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Ludlow stated a motion to hire the present help of the Water Company should be made. Councilman Stanger moved that the present help of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company be employed by Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 as of December 25th., 1934, at wage and salary rates heretofore paid by the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company as of July 1, 1934. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Dominguez Water Company be requested in writing to continue to serve water at the same rate as heretofore charged the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company, and that the City will assume the liability from December 24th., 1934, and that the Southern California Edison Company be likewise notified as to power service, and to have meters read that day. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all consumers be notified that the District takes over the properties of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company as of December 24th., 1934. Councilman Klusman amended the motion that they be notified that the rates will remain the same as the old system until further notice. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Klusman moved that he be appointed Water Commissioner. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Ludlow explained that the entire Council would act as Water Committee.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Klusman moved that the meeting be adjourned to Monday, December 24th., 1934, at 3:00 P.M. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Ludlow declared the meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

A. R. Ludlow
Mayor of the City of Torrance.